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**SACRAMENTO MAN INDICTED ON**  
**MAKING THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a one count indictment charging HOWARD KINSEY, 41, of Sacramento, California, with making threats against President George W. Bush.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment returned by the grand jury alleges that KINSEY knowingly and willfully threatened to take the life of and inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States. The United States Secret Service, the investigating agency in this matter, obtained an arrest warrant in this case on Friday, September 22, 2006, which led to KINSEY's arrest on Monday, September 25, 2006, in Los Angeles. According to court documents filed in this case, KINSEY sent numerous text messages and e-mails threatening the President and a number of other people. One of these text messages was sent to a Sacramento County District Attorney Investigator which stated in part, "187 for George Bush." 187 is the California Penal Code Section for murder.

Brady Mills, Resident Agent in Charge, Sacramento Resident Office of the United States Secret Service said, "All threats against protectees of the Secret Service are taken seriously and thoroughly investigated."

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for making a threat against the President is 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and will be imposed in the discretion of the court.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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